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#### **EMPLOYMENT**

University of Delaware, Associate Professor, 2014–  
University of Delaware, Assistant Professor, 2011–2014  
University of Alabama, Full-time Temporary Instructor, 2009–2011  
Florida State University, Visiting Assistant Professor, 2008–2009  
University of Vermont, Lecturer, 2004–2008

#### **EDUCATION**

1995–2004 Syracuse University. Ph.D. (2004), Philosophy  
Dissertation: “Holding Responsible without Ultimate Responsibility”  
(Michael Stocker, supervisor)  
1991–1994 Wesleyan University. B.A. (Philosophy), 1994  
1989–1991 University of California Los Angeles (transferred to Wesleyan  
University)

#### **AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**

Ethics, Free Will and Moral Responsibility

#### **AREAS OF COMPETENCE**

Early Modern Philosophy, Metaphysics, Moral Psychology, Philosophy and  
Literature

#### **UNDERGRADUATE COURSES TAUGHT**

Upper level: Free Will, Hume, Metaphysics, Agency and Accountability

Intermediate: Ethics, Free Will and Moral Responsibility, Modern Philosophy, History  
of Modern Philosophy, Mind and Nature, Philosophical Ideas in Literature,  
Virtue Ethics

Introductory:

**Introduction to Philosophy** (Introduction to Philosophy, Theories of Knowledge  
and Reality); **Ethics** (Introduction to Philosophy: Ethics, Ethics and Value  
Theory, Great Traditions in Ethics, Ethical Issues and Life Choices, Making  
Ethical Choices); **Ancient Philosophy** (Ancient Philosophy, Plato’s *Republic*);  
**Critical Thinking** (Critical Thinking, Reasoning and Critical Thinking);  
**Perspectives on the Self**

## REFEREED ARTICLES

- “The Two-stage Luck Objection,” *Noûs* 54:1, 2020, pp. 3–23.
- “Robustness Revised: Frankfurt Cases and the Right Kind of Power to Do Otherwise,” *Acta Analytica* 31:1, 2016, pp. 89–106.
- “More Trouble with Tracing,” *Erkenntnis* 80:5, 2015, pp. 987–1011.
- “It Wasn’t Up to Jones: Unavoidable Actions and Intensional Contexts in Frankfurt Examples,” *Philosophical Studies* 169:3, 2014, pp. 379–399.
- “Assimilations and Rollbacks: Two Arguments Against Libertarianism Defended,” *Philosophia* 42:1, 2014, pp. 151–172.
- “Frankfurt Cases and the (In)significance of Timing: A Defense of the Buffering Strategy,” with David Hunt, *Philosophical Studies* 164:3, 2013, pp. 599–622.
- “Free Will and Mystery: Looking Past the *Mind* Argument,” *Philosophical Studies* 162:2, 2013, pp. 291–307.
- “Where Love and Resentment Meet: Strawson’s Intrapersonal Defense of Compatibilism,” *Philosophical Review* 121:1, 2012, pp. 95–124.
- “Incompatibilism and Personal Relationships: Another Look at Strawson’s Objective Attitude,” *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 90:1, 2012, pp. 131–147.
- “Compatibilism and Moral Claimancy: An Intermediate Path to Appropriate Blame,” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 84:1, 2012, pp. 158–186.
- “What Must a Proof of Incompatibilism Prove?” *Philosophical Studies* 154:3, 2011, pp. 361–371.
- “Why Free Will Remains a Mystery,” *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 92:1, 2011, pp. 105–125.
- “Agency without Avoidability: Defusing a New Threat to Frankfurt’s Counterexample Strategy,” *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 41:4, 2011, pp. 505–522.
- “Uncompromising Source Incompatibilism,” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 80:2, 2010, pp. 349–383.
- “The Fate of the Direct Argument and the Case for Incompatibilism,” *Philosophical Studies* 150:3, 2010, pp. 405–424.

- “Against Logical Versions of the Direct Argument: A New Counterexample,” *American Philosophical Quarterly* 47:3, 2010, pp. 239–252.
- “Flickers of Freedom and Modes of Action: A Reply to Timpe,” *Philosophia* 35:1, 2007, pp. 63–74.

#### INVITED ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS

- “Responsibility, Personal Relationships, and the Significance of the Reactive Attitudes,” in D. Pereboom and D. Nelkin (eds.), *Oxford Handbook of Moral Responsibility* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2022), pp. 566–589.
- “Fischer and Ravizza on History and Ownership,” *Philosophical Explorations* 8:2, 2005, pp. 103–114.

#### BOOK REVIEWS

- Peter van Inwagen, *Thinking About Free Will* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2017), *Philosophical Review* 127:4, 2018, pp. 554–557.
- Bruce N. Waller, *The Stubborn System of Moral Responsibility* (Cambridge, Mass.: MIT Press, 2014), *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 2015 (<https://ndpr.nd.edu/news/57417-the-stubborn-system-of-moral-responsibility/>)
- John M. Fischer, *Deep Control: Essays on Free Will and Value* (New York: OUP, 2012), *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 11:4, 2014, pp. 523–526.
- John M. Fischer, *My Way: Essays on Moral Responsibility* (New York: OUP, 2006), *Journal of Value Inquiry* 41:4, 2007, pp. 353–357.

#### GRANTS

- Integrative Curriculum Grant for incorporating research from the sciences into an existing course, University of Delaware Center for Science, Ethics, and Public Policy, 2013 (\$3,000).
- Summer Research Grant, Syracuse University, 2000 (\$500)

#### SELECTED PHILOSOPHY PRESENTATIONS

- Invited Presentation: “A More Promising Argument Against Libertarianism,” William P. Alston Memorial Lecture, Syracuse University, 2022 (commentator: Yishai Cohen, University of Southern Maine).
- Podcast Interview: “Free Will Mysterianism,” *Plato’s Cave*, hosted by Jordan Myers, University of Houston, 2022.

- Podcast Interview: “Mysterianism,” *The Free Will Show*, hosted by Taylor Cyr, Samford University, and Matthew Flummer, Porterville College, 2021.
- Invited Presentation: “Luck and Agency Reductionism: Comments on Franklin’s *A Minimal Libertarianism*,” Author-meets-critics session, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, 2020.
- Invited Presentation: “Undetermined Choices and Normative Expectations: An Argument Against Libertarianism,” Workshop on Free Will, University of Cologne, 2018.
- Invited Presentation: “Two Arguments for the Inexorability of the Reactive Attitudes,” Symposium on Emotions, Morality, and Personal Relationships, American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, 2018 (commentator: Charles Goodman, Binghamton University).
- Invited Presentation: “Manipulation and Basic Desert: A Conversational Perspective,” Gothenburg Responsibility Project Workshop on Responsibility, Conversation, and Communication, University of Gothenburg, 2017 (commentator: Kristin Mickelson, University of Gothenburg).
- Refereed Presentation: “A More Promising Argument Against Libertarianism,” Colloquium on Free Will, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, 2017 (commentator: Michael Robinson, Chapman University). [This is a predecessor to the paper with the same title that I presented in 2022.]
- Invited Presentation: “Sourcehood and Self-determination: Revisiting an Argument for Incompatibilism,” William P. Alston Memorial Lecture, Syracuse University, 2015 (commentator: Kelly McCormick, Texas Christian University).
- Refereed Presentation: “Is the Problem of Luck the Compatibilist’s Problem Too?” Symposium on Free Will, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, 2014 (commentators: Andrei Buckareff, Marist University and Michael McKenna, University of Arizona).
- Refereed Presentation: “Frankfurt Cases and Intensional Contexts,” Twelfth Annual Meeting of the Alabama Philosophical Society, 2012.
- Invited Presentation: “Compatibilism and Moral Claimancy,” Second Annual Responsibility, Agency, and Personhood Conference, University of San Francisco, 2007 (commentator: Eleonore Stump, St. Louis University).

- Invited Presentation: “Uncompromising Source Incompatibilism,” Sixteenth Annual Dartmouth-University of Vermont Philosophy Symposium, 2007 (Commentator: Bernard Gert, Dartmouth College).
- Refereed Presentation: “Eschewing Alternatives: A Limited Defense of Source Incompatibilism,” Ninth Annual Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference, Washington State University and the University of Idaho, 2006 (commentator: Josh Bright, University of California Riverside).
- Refereed Presentation: “Miraculous Decisions as Counterexamples to Lewisian Compatibilism?” Northern New England Philosophical Association, Dartmouth College, 2004.
- Refereed Presentation: “Reasons-responsive Structuralism and the Problem of Induced Desires,” Eighth Annual National Post-Graduate Analytic Philosophy Conference, University of Cambridge, 2004.

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

### Academic Refereeing:

*Acta Analytica, American Philosophical Quarterly, Analysis, Analytic Philosophy, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Canadian Journal of Philosophy, Crítica, Dialectica, Ergo, Erkenntnis, Ethical Theory and Moral Practice, Ethics, European Journal of Philosophy, Journal of the American Philosophical Association, Journal of Ethics, Journal of General Psychology, Journal of the History of Analytic Philosophy, Journal of Moral Philosophy, Journal of Philosophical Research, Journal of Philosophy, Journal of Value Inquiry, Mind, Noûs, Oxford University Press, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophia, Philosophical Explorations, Philosophical Papers, Philosophical Psychology, Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophical Review, Philosophical Studies, Philosophies, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, Review of Philosophy and Psychology, Social Theory and Practice, Southern Journal of Philosophy, Synthese*

### University of Delaware

American Philosophical Association Committee on Academic Career Opportunities and Placement, 2018–2021

Colloquium Speaker Committee, Philosophy Department, 2016–

Organizer, Mini-conference on Free Will: “Free Will and the Scientific Worldview: Optimistic and Pessimistic Perspectives,” April 2013

Philosophy Department Senator, University of Delaware Faculty Senate, 2012–2018

Board Member, Greater Philadelphia Philosophy Consortium, 2012–2016

Senior Thesis Committee Member, Christopher Hartung, “Aquinas on Free Will,” 2012–2013

Senior Thesis Committee Member, Matthew Faline, “Presentism and the Problem of Reference,” 2013–2014.

Senior Thesis Advisor, Michael Szczechowski, "Free Will, Manipulation Arguments, and Sourcehood," 2020–2021

#### University of Alabama

Faculty Consultant to the Networking Committee of the Capstone College of Nursing Academic Council, Fall 2010. (I was invited by a member of the Networking Committee of the C.C.N.A.C., a branch of the University Academic Honor Council, to contribute to the Council's review of University policies on academic integrity.)

#### Florida State University

Bryan Hall Learning Community Teaching, Spring 2009 (I taught an introductory ethics course in an academically enriched program for selected first-year students.)

Freshman Interest Group Teaching, Fall 2008 (I taught a course that fulfills a writing-intensive requirement for incoming students.)

#### University of Vermont

Honors College, Core Faculty, 2007–2008 (I was the main instructor for a required, year-long, interdisciplinary, writing-intensive ethics seminar for students entering the UVM Honors College.)

Teacher Advising Program, 2006–2008 (I was the primary academic advisor for the incoming students in my writing-intensive Perspectives on the Self course.)

Honors Thesis Committee Member, Matt Dworkin, "A Defense of Incompatibilism," 2007–2008

#### Syracuse University

President, Philosophy Graduate Student Organization, 1999–2000

Committee Chair, Syracuse University Philosophy Graduate Conference, 1999

Arts and Sciences Core Writing-intensive Requirement Instructor, 1995–2001

Senator, Syracuse University Graduate Student Organization, 2000–2001

Syracuse University Future Professoriate Program

New York State Certificate of University Teaching, conferred 2004

#### Wesleyan University

Participant, Ford Teaching Seminar (I was selected to participate in a semester-long program that focused on strategies for helping students to improve their academic writing.)

#### **REFERENCES**

John M. Fischer	Professor of Philosophy, University of California Riverside
Michael McKenna	Professor of Philosophy, University of Arizona
Derk Pereboom	Professor of Philosophy, Cornell University

